

## BOY THREE HITS MESSENGER AND STEALS \$55,800

Daring Holdup Near Broker's Office in Heart of Financial District.

VICTIM LURED TO STAIRS  
Good Description of Robber  
Given—Two Youths, Brothers, Are Arrested.

Another daylight holdup took place yesterday afternoon below the dead line in lower Broadway. A broker's messenger, a boy going on 17, armed for his age and not at all robust, was bludgeoned in a busy office building and robbed of his leather bag. The bag contained \$55,800 in Liberty bonds, a \$5,000 check and a \$1,000 industrial bond. As so frequently the case the bag was not fastened to the boy by a strap or a chain and the thief found it the easiest thing in the world to grab it and escape after dazing the helpless messenger.

Lieut. McKay of the Brooklyn detective bureau arrested last night Gustave Migonone, 20 years old, 770 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, and locked him in Brooklyn Police Headquarters on a charge of having been implicated in the robbery. According to Lieut. McKay the boy was confessed to having taken part in the holdup.

Youth Is Arrested in Bed.

Lieut. McKay and four other detectives drove up to the home just before midnight. They found Gustave in bed, but compelled him to get up and dress, after which he was taken to headquarters. There he denied having more than half an hour that he knew anything about the robbery, but finally, under persistent questioning, according to the police, admitted that he was in the Migonone's office in the office of Stewart & Co., 61 Broadway, on which the office on the same floor on which the boy with the money was knocked down and robbed. The police say that Migonone went out to lunch yesterday at 1:30 o'clock, and returned at 1:15. The boy's father is a barber with a shop at 124 and Flatbush avenues, Brooklyn.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning Detectives Mayer, Brown and Hyams of the Second Deputy Commissioner's staff arrested Anthony Migonone, one of Gustave's brothers, at Flatbush avenue and Church avenue, Brooklyn. The boy was locked up, and after a few minutes charged with acting in concert with his brother to perpetrate the robbery. He gave his age as 18 and his occupation as a clerk.

The financial district got tremendously excited when the robbery became known. Men in the brokerage and banking business declared that it was time to do something to put a stop to daytime thefts and to promote a crusade for greater care in the protection of negotiable securities. They carried back and forth through the streets.

It is estimated that fully \$30,000,000 worth of negotiable securities is stored back and forth through the financial district by messengers during the banking day. Many of the runners and messengers are armed and guarded. Others like the victim of the latest holdup, are permitted to handle valuable securities with no more care and consideration than if they were carrying bundles of early editions of bundles of soiled collars and shirts.

So perturbed are men in the financial district over the frequency of robberies and the careless manner in which much of the messenger work is being carried that the suggestion has been made that a clearing house be established for the handling of negotiable securities by means of non-negotiable receipts.

Victim Is Seriously Wounded.

The boy who figured in yesterday's stirring holdup was Milton Strohm of 182 Stage street, Brooklyn, who is employed by L. M. Prince, a broker, with offices on the corner of 20 Broadway and 200 Broadway. He is now a patient in the Broad Street Hospital, suffering from a bad scalp wound and a slight fracture of the skull, inflicted by the blow.

The attack took place on a stairway in the Adams Building, 61 Broadway, and the messenger's assailant, according to Strohm, was a youth of apparently 17, who had been caught by the messenger some time. Milton was unable to tell the police the boy's name, but he gave a good description of him and detectives felt confident he would be caught together with his swag, in the very near future.

According to Milton's younger brother, Monroe, as they lay in bed on Thursday night Milton told him this "young fellow" had been trying to "make pal" with him for some time and had been persisting in following him around while he was on duty.

"He told my brother he had a gang in the Bronx," Monroe said, "but my brother tried to beat to shake him, because he didn't want anything to do with a strange guy."

Milton was so disturbed about the friendship that was being forced upon him against his will that he confided to Isidore Horowitz, head runner for Mr. Prince, that he had been followed for several days by the unidentified youth and he didn't like it.

Milton left his office with his bag early in the afternoon. In the bag were \$49,000 worth of Liberty bonds, intended for deposit with the Guaranty Trust Company; some New York Central shares of stock for Joseph Walker & Sons, brokers, 61 Broadway, and a \$1,000 Virginia-Carolina Chemical bond which he had been instructed to deliver to Toole, Henry & Co., brokers, 120 Broadway.

Check for \$5,800 in His Bag.

The boy apparently went straight to the office of Joseph Walker & Sons on the sixth floor of the Adams Building, rear, made his delivery and received a check for \$5,800, which went into the little bag.

Some time later—it wasn't very many minutes—a porter on the third floor heard cries of distress just inside a closed door leading to the stairway near the Broadway side of the building. He opened the door and found the messenger dazed and crumpled at the foot of the stairs. The youth was bleeding from a wound on the head. The porter led him to the "stop sink" used by janitors only, and started to wash him up. A boy employed in the building joined in the first aid, but the bleeding was too much for him. The youth revived sufficiently to say he had been bumped on the head by a man and was robbed.

At first he said he had been attacked just as he pressed the button for a local elevator on the sixth floor. For a time this statement sorely puzzled John Cain, detective for the Adams Building, and also city detectives, as a full view of the corridor was commanded from the customers' room of the Walker offices, the door of which was open. There were 25 or 30 customers in the room and nobody could

be found who had heard any kind of a commotion whatever.

Young Strohm was taken by the boy helper of the porter to the office of his employer, L. M. Prince, where he told what happened to him and the securities. He was sent to the Broad Street Hospital and within a few minutes there was the wildest kind of activity on the part of Detective Sergeant August Mayer, Wilbur Brown, Louis Hyams, Detectives Sheridan, Gillman and Lieut. McKay.

Tells How He Was Waylaid.

After Dr. John E. Hammett, the house surgeon, patched the boy up the youngster was able to give the detectives a pretty good idea of all he had done. He said that the boy who had been following him around, came up to him as he was about to leave the sixth floor and asked if he knew where he could get a job.

"I told him I didn't have any job I could get him," Strohm continued. "Then he asked me if I knew where a certain broker's office was and I said it was at 14 Wall street. He bet me it was on the fourth floor of the building where we were in. I knew I would win the bet, so I started to walk down the stairs to the fourth floor. I didn't think there was anything out of the way with the kid."

The next thing I knew he struck me on the head with something and grabbed my bag. He began to run down stairs and I tried to chase after him. When we got to the fourth floor the blood was on the wall and I was so weak I couldn't go any further. Then I yelled 'Stop thief!' and fell and somebody picked me up."

The messenger who fell was going to be terribly fooled because the bonds were all registered and Walker & Sons had stopped payment on the check.

Among the earliest visitors at the hospital to see the messenger was his younger brother Monroe.

"I saw the guy walking with my brother and a man named Walter on 3rd street yesterday afternoon," Monroe said to a Sun man. "I didn't see his face, but got only a look at his back. Last night while my brother and I were in bed Milton told me that the fellow was trying to pal with him and he was trying hard to shake him, as he didn't like him. This fellow told Milton that he was living in Jersey now, but had a gang in the Bronx."

Boys Sometimes Carry Millions.

"I'm a messenger, too," Monroe went on, "and it's nothing for us fellows to carry lots of stuff on us without having it tied fast. I had something like \$70,000 worth today and not long ago I had a million. When we have a million or more with us they generally send another boy along with us."

Monroe is about a year younger than his unfortunate brother, but he is a good deal bigger and much more sturdy. Milton hasn't had quite the chance that his brother has had to carry hundreds of thousands of dollars in negotiable securities through the whirling crowds of the financial district because up to four or five times he has been used to have St. Vitus's dance and that sort of takes the growing out of a boy.

Milton is the oldest boy of a family of three. His father is a graduate from Public School No. 36, Stage street, Brooklyn, in 1917. He attended the Eastern District High School for a few months but he hasn't attended since to continue his studies and so "went into business."

Bernstorff's Wife  
FIGHTS PHOTOPLAY  
Through Friend She Tries to  
Enjoin Macaulay Company  
From Producing Scenes.

Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the former German Ambassador to the United States, wishes to keep in the good graces of the American public and through friends here is prepared to give legal battle to a moving picture corporation which depicts her as an accomplice of her husband in plotting murder and arson and spreading German propaganda in the country.

Pauline Lewis, who claims to be a friend of the Countess, filed an application for a temporary injunction in Supreme court yesterday to restrain C. R. Macaulay Photoplays Company and its officials, Harry L. Reichenbach, Frank Brangage and Ollie L. Sellers, from exhibiting portions of a film entitled "When the Gods Would Destroy" in which appears an actress made up to represent the Countess.

The hearing of the action, which is a prelude to one for a permanent injunction, will take place before Justice E. J. Tamm in Special Term, Part I, Monday morning. The picture has been given to the film producers that a suit for \$100,000 damages will be brought against the company if the scenes objected to in the picture are not withdrawn before the injunction hearing is held.

The petitioner says Countess von Bernstorff was formerly Jeanne Luckemeyer, who was born in New York in 1875, the daughter of Edward Luckemeyer, an importer with offices at 61 Broadway and 474 Broome street, and that she and the former Ambassador were married in Berlin in 1887.

By this marriage she lost her American citizenship, the papers allege, and although she was forced to accompany her husband to Germany when he received his passport, she remains loyal to the United States. Attached to the complaint are a number of photographs, which are alleged to have appeared in advertising the play, and in these are shown a woman who bears a remarkable resemblance to the Countess. In substance the complaint is referred to as the spy's American wife.

"The exhibition of this production throughout the United States and in foreign countries," the complaint charges, "to the Countess, because through it, her loyalty to the United States might be questioned," is one of the allegations made. The officials of the film company were served at their office, 312 Fifth avenue.

BAPTISTS PLAN HOT CAMPAIGN.

Clergy and Laity to Make Things  
Hot for \$5,000,000.

An exchange of compliments was passed yesterday between the Delta Epsilon Club, 20 West Forty-fourth street, between laymen and clergymen of the Baptist church at a luncheon tendered by Edward L. Ballinger and James C. Colgate before the \$5,000,000 victory campaign. Mr. Colgate charged the Baptist clergy generally with having been "asleep too long." He pleaded for the church to wake up to the needs of the church problem in New York and vicinity.

The Rev. John M. Moore of the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn, answered by saying that his fellow clergymen accepted the challenge to go out and do big things. He expressed gratification at "seeing the laymen in motion for the first time," and Mr. H. H. Hears, director of the campaign, then rose and promised that the Baptists would "paint New York red, white and blue" before the end of the drive, which drew out considerable applause.

Other speakers were Mr. Ballard, P. W. Ayer, Fred P. Haggard and G. Howland, chairman of the Brooklyn committee. Mr. Ayer said that he wanted all clergymen to "get on the job" for the New York campaign and forget all differences. Plans were made for rallies and mass meetings throughout the city.

## N. Y. WARGARDENS HAD BIG MORTARS

Maximilian Toch, Camouflageur,  
Discloses Secret of City's  
Auxiliary Defences.

FOUNDATIONS 12 FT. DEEP  
Ambrose Channel Protected by  
Hidden Guns With Shell  
Radius of 12 Miles.

Maximilian Toch, who was introduced to an audience at the Chemists Club last night as the first American camouflageur, gave the first description of the city since the war ended, of the manner in which innocent looking war gardens about the city of New York were planted with things more deadly than the average amateur's tomatoes. Many of them contained, Mr. Toch said, huge mortars capable of throwing a shell weighing half a ton, which was disguised by shrubbery and other means of camouflage.

The lecture was delivered by special permission of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, and was held under the auspices of the American Chemical Society. It was illustrated by many lantern slides, showing the city of New York and the different systems of camouflage adopted by this Government during the war. The U-boat commander in aiming his torpedoes.

Mr. Toch also had five wooden models of camouflage gardens, one of them bearing his own system, which he said had been used by the German submarine captains in the North Atlantic. The models were slotted according to his designs only one was hit by a torpedo, though all of them had these deadly missiles shot at them.

Hidden Fortifications.

"Although this was unknown to the American people," said Mr. Toch, "there were a number of hidden fortifications along the coast in the gardens of private residences." Ambrose Channel, which lies between the harbor of the city of New York, was protected by mortars with a radius of 20,000 yards, or twelve miles. These mortars were placed in private gardens, often two or three in a row, and were disguised by shrubbery and other means of camouflage.

"The spaces in which they were concealed were plots of ground about 100 by 300 feet, that is approximately the size of a tennis court. They were covered with concrete. The foundations for these bases frequently were twelve feet in depth. There were usually three pits in each garden, and the pits were surrounded by trees and shrubbery and were absolutely invisible to any one except an air man."

"My work consisted in camouflaging by covering the parapets with artificial houseplants, morning glory and ivy, which were changed as the season advanced. I think that all of our fortifications were covered with ivy. The fact is some of the Government officials wanted to wash their hands of the whole matter and escape all burdens by telling both sides to go to the devil."

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"The secret service of the navy believed that the north coast of Cuba was probably the place where the German submarines were concealed and their supplies. It is common knowledge at present that the island of Cuba contained among its inhabitants many German agents and propagandists. The Government was probably the most important station in the service of the Government because it contained the hangars of all the dirigibles and the great hydro-aeroplanes."

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Mayor Ralph of San Francisco wonders now why he travelled 6,000 miles at the invitation of President Wilson to take part in a conference which accomplished nothing. He was one of the prominent participants in the meeting of Governors and Mayors held in Washington to take up labor and reconstruction problems, but he found the President about to sail for France, Congress about to adjourn, no prospect of a special session, and big problems could be considered and things in a mess generally.

The Mayor of San Francisco, who is an outspoken person, attacks the Government for cancelling its ship contracts while Japan and China are going ahead energetically, as is Great Britain, with tremendous projects. He says that out West people are wondering why William G. McAdoo selected this critical time to become a motion picture star, and why the Government was to have turned its back on the workingmen of the Pacific coast.

550 Contracts Cancelled.

"Shortly after the armistice was signed," said Mayor Ralph, "the Government began to cancel ship contracts, and so far has cancelled 550 merchant ship contracts. All overtime work was stopped, and the Government, by thus cutting down working forces and making labor restless at a particularly bad time, if the Government saw fit to cancel contracts in American shipyards, then labor wants to know why it did not cancel contracts in foreign shipyards. Several strikes have occurred in Pacific coast yards, and these would not have occurred had the Government displayed a little more interest in a serious situation and a little more friendly interest in bringing the labor and the Government together. The fact is some of the Government officials wanted to wash their hands of the whole matter and escape all burdens by telling both sides to go to the devil."

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